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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/825,886	Applicant(s) HOVANESSIAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Robert A. Zeman	Art Unit 1645	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 April 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 24-26 are pending and currently under examination.

Priority

Applicant's claim for priority has not been perfected. An application in which the benefits of an earlier application are desired must contain a specific reference to the prior application(s) in the first sentence of the specification of in an application data sheet (37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) and (a)(5)). The specific reference to any prior nonprovisional application must include the relationship (i.e., continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) between the applications except when the reference is to a prior application of a CPA assigned the same application number. Additionally, the current status of all nonprovisional parent applications referenced should be included.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Callebaut et al. (Virology, 1996, Vol. 218 pages 181-182).

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The instant claims are drawn to a purified HIV receptor comprising P95/nucleolin, P40/PHAPII and P30/PHAPI proteins. Applicant has defined the terms “purified” and “isolated” to mean as having “undergone at least one purification or isolation step”

Callebaut et al. disclose inhibitory peptides that competitively bind to the same receptor as the V3 loop of HIV gp120 (see pages 181-182). Callebaut et al. further disclose cells that naturally possess said receptor and that said cells were “washed” (i.e. medium replaced) during the course of various assays (see page 184). Since said “washing” falls within Applicant’s definition of “purifying”, Callebaut et al. anticipates all the limitations of the instant claims.

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Callebaut et al. disclose inhibitory peptides that competitively bind to the same protein as the V3 loop of HIV gp120 [p95](see pages abstract). Callebaut et al. further disclose said protein was identified in crude cell extracts (see abstract). Since said “extraction” falls within Applicant’s definition of “purifying”, Callebaut et al. anticipates all the limitations of the instant claims. It should be noted that while Callebaut et al. only explicitly disclose the p95 portion of the claimed receptor, said receptor is a naturally occurring complex of three protein and hence

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the presence of one of said proteins would necessarily indicate the presence of the other two. Finally, the availability date of the cited reference is being determined. If said date is determined to be after the priority date of the instant application and applicant has perfected his claim for priority, this rejection will be withdrawn.

Conclusion

No claim is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert A. Zeman whose telephone number is (571) 272-0866. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Thursday, 7am -5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynette Smith can be reached on (571) 272-0864. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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June 1, 2006


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